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When space will permit, the Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics...

SCRANTON, DECEMBER 24, 1900.

Advocates of the viaduct proposition as it stands are unfair in criticizing Luther Keller for seeking in advance a legal definition of his rights as a property-owner...

Locating the Blame.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that the request of the employees of the Scranton Railway company for decreased hours of labor and an increased rate of pay should have been refused...

For these misfortunes who are to blame? Perhaps, primarily, the franchise speculators whose successive manipulations of constituent parts of the present traction company...

New Mexico.

THE REQUEST of New Mexico for a statehood, again put forward strenuously at Washington, gives interest to some figures as to her resources and development...

The Flat Advertising Rate.

IF THE editor of the Times had read closely what has been said in the Tribune about its flat advertising rate, he would have understood that it is not intended to be applied to all contracts...

MR. CONNELL FOR SENATOR.

From the Free Press. We should certainly be very glad to see Mr. Connell elected to the senate. We should take pride in the fact, not only as fellow citizens and townsmen, but because of his worthiness for that office...

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commend it to the attention and study of the accomplished proprietor of the Times and to publishers everywhere. It is the coming rate.

Another railroad, the Chicago and Northwestern, has announced an old-age and disability pension scheme for faithful employees. Men who have served with good records for thirty years are to be retired on a pension for life equal to one per cent of their average monthly wages during the last ten years...

The Justification for Subsidies.

OPPOSITION to the shipping bill now pending in congress is dictated almost wholly by the belief, expressed, for example, in the current number of the Engineering News, that "the principle of fostering special industries by direct payments from the national treasury is a new one for the United States."

But is this principle a new one? Has it not been applied in numerous ways in the past? The protective tariff when thrown around the infant industry to protect it against untoward foreign competition is different in detail, but it is not identical in policy...

Whether it shall be New Mexico's fate to gain the coveted forty-eight places in the scale of states or remain for some time longer in territorial swaddling clothes, her development is to be noted and appreciated and the pluck of her citizens is to be esteemed.

Figures Showing How Prices Vary

A COMPARISON of prices in 1899 with those of preceding years in that great world's market, London, is made by Professor A. Sauerbeck in a publication issued by the Royal Statistical Society of London, England, and just received here.

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From the territory, amounting to about \$4,000,000, and during the same period there were brought into the territory to remain, 13,095 head. The greater portion of the stock range is on public domain.

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ANY PERSON who will distribute circulars for \$2.00 daily should address Standard Co., 4 Wells, Chicago.

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ment of the French Canadian question is especially able and worthy of attention. The revelations of the census of 1900, the politics of all countries, the business and industrial situation, new scientific discoveries and mechanical inventions; these and hundreds of other topics within a world-wide range are reviewed with clearness and intelligent appreciation.

Winston Churchill, the English war correspondent and son of Lord Randolph Churchill, who has lately returned from South Africa, contributes a striking character sketch of Lord Roberts to the January number of the World's Work, based upon an intimate, first-hand study of the great soldier.

The first of a series of stories by Carmen Sylva (Elizabeth queen of Rumania) which the Woman's Home Companion will print during 1901 will appear in the February number of that magazine. It is entitled "A Festival in Heaven."

A striking feature of Everybody's Magazine for January is a series of Indian portraits photographed from life, with explanatory text and specimens of Indian drawings and literature which shed considerable light upon the Indian character and his possibilities.

The latest issue of Municipal Affairs is devoted to a discussion from various standpoints of public lighting. The results of municipal lighting in a number of foreign and several American cities is considered in detail.

A character study of Claus Spreckels, the sugar king, constitutes an exceptionally interesting feature of January. In fact, too, this number is notable, constituting a generous dime's worth.

Lord Roberts always was a lucky man. Betwixt Buller and Kitchener his reputation is secure.

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The library of the United States congress was first established. Many other famous libraries date from this year also. In the United Kingdom there were founded the Downing at Cambridge, the Free library and museum at Canterbury, the Select Subscription Library at Edinburgh, the Dummies at Langholm, the Hope Office at London; in France one at Ajaccio, Comano, another at Clugny-Saint-Marcel, in the German empire one at Constance; in Greece the Corin Public Library. That at the University of Georgia at Athens, Ga. and the Lexington (Ky.) library were also established in 1789.

Nearly the whole of Clunias Abbey building at Clugny, the most extensive and magnificent establishment in France, was swept away. Some idea of the disaster wrought may be formed from the fact that when, in 1515, Pope Innocent IV, accompanied by twelve cardinals, a patriarch, two archbishops, and the two generals of the Carthusians and Benedictines in the German empire, were lodged within the monastery without disarranging the monks, 400 in number, so enormous were its dimensions.

George Dixon, English navigator, who in making a minute exploration of the northwest coast of America found numerous small islands, ports and bays, of which Queen Charlotte's Island, Fort Mulgrave, Norfolk Bay, and Dixon's Archipelago may be named as the most important, died.

The following persons, who won fame during the year, were born during this year: Felix Aubry, French painter; Johann Zahn, German architect; Jules Verne, French journalist; Robert White, British author; John W. Yeoman, American clergyman; Joseph Ernst von Bandel, German sculptor; Marie Armand d'Avoye, French geographer; Joseph Land, Norwegian; Ernest Brampton, Russian poet; Alexander Young, American Unitarian clergyman; Thomas Whittemore, American clergyman and author; Moses Yale Beach, American inventor and journalist; J. C. Bawell, English physician, journalist and author.

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